



# SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT FUNDS UPDATE

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# RIDE News on School Improvement



- RI's application for funds to support a new School Improvement Grant (SIG) 1003(g) competition has been approved.
- Approved application outlines 7 models for whole school reform, including a new state-created model "Empowered Leadership Turnaround Model"
- RIDE is encouraging LEAs to more strongly engage those closest to the students in the School Improvement process.
- RIDE will be reevaluating how to leverage available resources to support robust school improvement strategies. Stay tuned for updates.

# 1003(g) School Improvement Grants



- RIDE was recently awarded \$1.5 Million in Title I 1003(g) funds to support school improvement model implementation for 2015-2020
- RIDE submitted a request to extend availability of \$1.2 Million FFY 2013 Title 1 1003(g) funds to be used in combination with the FFY 2014 funds for a new SIG competition
- RIDE plans on announcing a competition this winter to award \$2.7 Million to eligible schools that adopt one of the 7 reform models, including the new state approved model


# 1003(g) Competition Eligible Schools



- Calcutt
- Veterans Memorial
- Segue
- Hennessey
- Orlo Avenue
- RI School for the Deaf
- Asa Messer
- Bailey
- Bishop
- Central
- Del Sesto
- Feinstein @Broad
- Fogarty
- Hope
- Hopkins
- Kizirian
- Lauro
- PCTA
- Spaziano
- Stuart
- West



# School Improvement Title I 1003(a) Funds

- Title I 1003(a) allocation amounts, application and guidance were released on September 29, 2015.
- Funds are available to districts with Title I participating Priority and Focus schools.
-  Funds may be used in any Priority or Focus school, even if the school previously received funding under Title I 1003(g); or intends to submit a proposal for 1003(g) funds.
- Districts may apply immediately on behalf of schools that will not be submitting 1003(g) proposals; or may wait to combine some or all of the available 1003(a) funds with its 1003(g) proposal, if granted.



# Next Steps

- RIDE is soliciting comments on the FFY13 SIG waiver to extend the availability of funds. Please send comments to [stephen.osborn@ride.ri.gov](mailto:stephen.osborn@ride.ri.gov). All comments will be submitted to US ED by October 15, 2015.
- Connect with Title I staff for individual technical assistance on the School Improvement 1003(a) applications. Submit applications for 1003(a) funds as soon as possible.
- Stay tuned for further information on 1003(g) competition (Winter 2015-2016).



# Questions?